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Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Advantages of registering with a Group Training Organisation

Registering with a Group Training Organisation (GTO) is one strategy to try when looking for an apprenticeship. GTOs employ apprentices and trainees and place them with a host employer until the apprenticeship or traineeship has been completed. [Click here](#) for more information about GTOs and their role in the VET sector. Visit the [National Apprentice Employment Network](#) site to find a GTO near you.

Apprenticeship Central resources

Apprenticeship Central has put together resources that will help you research an apprenticeship and/or traineeship career. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- What's your Best Career Fit? Find out what jobs are best suited for you and do a series of fun, game-like tests that will provide an uncanny insight into your work style, personality and best career matches.
- Videos, Blogs & Great Stuff. Stay up to date with the latest in job search news
- FAQs. Everything you wanted to know about starting an apprenticeship or traineeship

Apprenticeship Support Australia

[Apprenticeship Support Australia](#) services are focused on lifting apprenticeship commencement and completion rates by providing support at every stage of the employment cycle. Job seekers, school students and apprentices can all receive ongoing support including career advice, job matching and ongoing mentoring. Visit their website and click on 'Apprentices' where you will find information about apprenticeship wages, get free career advice, qualifications, apprenticeships that might suite you, school-based apprenticeships, how to get started, where you will study, advice and support and more. You can also schedule a free career consultation with a [career adviser](#).



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The website contains specific information for parents regarding:

- [My Child is Considering an Apprenticeship](#)
- [Qualifications](#)
- [Supporting My Child](#)
- [What will my Child Be Paid?](#)

MEGT online Job Board

MEGT provide employment and training options for school students and school leavers. They have an [online Job Board](#) listing school-based apprentice and trainee opportunities. Check it out and see your Career Counsellor/Guidance Officer/VET coordinator if you have any questions.



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Australian Defence Force



Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

Stay informed about important upcoming [Queensland and National ADF events](#) and information sessions by visiting the ADF Defence Jobs or the ADF [Facebook](#) site. Upcoming events are:

- 02/05/2023 [Cairns: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- [Rockhampton: A Night in the Army Reserves](#)
- [Townsville: Indigenous Pathways Information Session](#)
- [Ipswich: Trade Careers Information Session](#)
- 03/05/2023 [Loganholme: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 06/05/2023 [Brisbane: Army Reserve Immersion Day](#)
- 09/05/2023 [Toowoomba: A Night in the Army Reserve](#)
- [Southport: A Night in the Army Reserve](#)
- 10/05/2023 [Bribie Island: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 11/05/2023 [Brisbane: Army Careers Information Session](#)
- 12/05/2023 [Townsville: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 15/05/2023 [Stanthorpe: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 16/05/2023 [Goondiwindi: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- [Brisbane: Comms, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session](#)



Career Exploration



Be prepared and confident to attend your Senior Education and Training Plan (SETP) meeting later in the term

If you are in Year 10, your Senior Education and Training Plan (SET P) meeting is just around the corner. Your school will soon be asking you to a meeting to discuss your career pathway and subjects for Year 11 and 12 and beyond. If you haven't started to think about career options and/or your senior subject selection yet, the online *Options Talking Career* program will help you to:

- better know yourself, your interests, values, strengths
- make good career decisions
- understand the career pathway options through senior and after school
- do quality pathway/s research
- narrow down your senior subject options ready for your SETP meeting

At the end of the program, you will be able to save and print your personal career snapshot (a summary of what you have discovered during the program) to take to your SETP meeting making it easier when talking to your teacher and parents. Find out more [here](#).

Career planning tools that may assist you

The following are some career exploration activities and resources that can help you in your career research.

- *My Brilliant Career Profiler* – This is a fun questionnaire that identifies your personality and matches it with USC courses you might enjoy. You can find it on the [USC website](#).
- *USC Career Directory* – This [directory](#) can be of help when you know the career you want but don't know what USC course you can do to get there.
- *Parent Lounge* – This [webpage](#) has heaps of resources that parents can use to support their children as they transition to university study.



Careers with STEM online magazines

The [Careers with STEM website](#) has recently released its 2023 Careers with STEM: Maths and Data and Careers with STEM: Science magazines. The magazines are packed full of short articles, information about courses, case studies and activities. You can download them or read them online.

Discover trends in the Australian Jobs Market

On Labour Market Insights [website](#) you can Explore Australia and discover information about regional and industry jobs and trends along with occupational information. When thinking about career options, also consider your own skills, interests and priorities and remember that employer needs can change quickly.

Flying into the future as a drone pilot

Drones are aircrafts operated without a pilot on board, controlled remotely. Drones are also sometimes called remotely piloted aircrafts (RPAs) or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). Drone technology isn't all that new, it is how they are being used that is rapidly changing. Drones are now being utilised in many industries across Australia, to perform an increasingly diverse range of tasks:

- In the agriculture industry, an estimated 10% of businesses use drones to support operational processes such as planting seeds, spraying weeds, checking water levels and monitoring stock.
- In the mining and construction industries they are used to identify hazards, measure stockpiles and inspect infrastructure such as power lines, bridges and rail lines.
- The Defence Force use them for surveillance and intelligence gathering activities.
- In the arts and media industries, they are used by directors and artists to push the boundaries of creativity in advertising, synchronised light show displays, photography, film and TV.

Click [here](#) to read more about the future of drone tech in Australia, training options, the latest information about [drone operations in Australia](#) and for information on how to get your remote pilot licence, visit the [Civil Aviation Safety Authority](#).

Healthcare is everywhere!

Healthcare is Everywhere is an interactive online 'activity' that will help increase your awareness and knowledge of the healthcare system. It highlights the variety of career opportunities within the health industry. You can zoom in, scroll around and explore a hypothetical city and rural community, discover the range of health services, career opportunities and what they do at work. It's easy to use because all you need to do is click on the red markers to find out what health care jobs are located in that workplace. [Give it a go!](#)



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How knowing your values can positively impact your career

Values shape the career choices we make, but what exactly are values and how can you identify the values that are important to you; those that will positively impact your career? You should know which workplace values are important to you and how they can shape the decisions you make.

Sabina Read identifies some common values to help you start thinking about what's important to you. They are listed below. Ask yourself, which of these values are important to you and whether there are any you want to add.

- **Adventure:** To actively seek, create, or explore novel or stimulating experiences
- **Assertiveness:** To respectfully stand up for my rights and request what I want
- **Authenticity:** To be genuine, real; to be true to myself
- **Caring:** To be considerate towards myself, others, the environment
- **Challenge:** To keep encouraging myself to grow, learn, improve
- **Cooperation:** To be cooperative and collaborative with others
- **Creativity:** To be innovative
- **Curiosity:** To be open-minded and interested; to explore and discover
- **Fairness:** To be honest with myself and others
- **Humour:** To see and appreciate the funny side of life
- **Independence:** To be self-supportive, and choose my own way of doing things
- **Open-mindedness:** To see things through/from other's points of view, and weigh evidence fairly
- **Power:** To strongly influence or wield authority over others, e.g., taking charge, leading, organising
- **Respect:** To be thoughtful towards myself or others; to be polite and show positive regard
- **Self-development:** To keep growing, advancing or improving in knowledge, skills, character, or life experience
- **Supportiveness:** To be helpful, encouraging and available to myself or others
- **Trust:** To be loyal, faithful, sincere and reliable

Job qualification and pathways Charts

The [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website](#) contains information regarding Job Pathways Charts which show the potential training pathways within specific industries. There are subcategories under each of the industry areas identifying qualification pathways for specific jobs. The pathways focus on the VET sector but it's well worth researching your pathway options that also come with many benefits. [Click here](#) for a full list as the number of Job Pathways Charts has expanded to include:

- Aeroskills
- Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management
- Animal Care and Management
- Australian Meat Processing
- Automotive Manufacturing
- Automotive Retail, Service and Repair
- Aviation
- Business Services
- Chemical, Hydrocarbons and Refining
- Community Services



- Construction, Plumbing and Services
- Correctional Services
- Creative Arts and Culture
- Electricity Supply Industry – Generation Sector
- Electrotechnology
- Financial Services
- Floristry
- Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical
- Forest and Wood Products
- Funeral Services
- Furnishing
- Gas Industry
- Hairdressing and Beauty Services
- Health
- Information and Communications Technology
- Laboratory Operations
- Local Government
- Manufacturing
- Manufacturing and Engineering
- Maritime
- National Water
- Plastics, Rubber and Cable making
- Printing and Graphic Arts
- Property Services
- Public Safety
- Public Sector
- Pulp and Paper Manufacturing Industry
- Racing and Breeding
- Resources and Infrastructure
- Retail Services
- Seafood Industry
- Sport, Fitness and Recreation
- Sustainability
- Textiles, Clothing and Footwear
- Tourism, Travel and Hospital
- Training and Education
- Transmission, Distribution and Rail Sector
- Transport and Logistics

Skillsroad - a career exploration website

[Skillsroad](#) has many activities that can help you get started on your career exploration. They include:

- [Career quiz](#) – The Career Quiz is a self-assessment tool that will help identify key personal skillsets and helps you understand your work values in order to help you find careers that are best for you.
- [Careers](#) – Learn about the career planning journey, explore industries and workspaces and discover careers you may never have considered to help you determine your career goals.



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Your career quizzes

- The Australian Government's Your Career has a quick career quiz that can help you think through some of your study, training and/or job options that support your current career thinking. By answering some quick questions you'll get a list of occupations that you might be interested in. Always keep in mind that career quizzes only provide a guide based on how you are thinking at the time and are great for giving you more options to keep your research going. [Click here](#) to do the quizzes and to find out more
- [Job fit test](#) - Find out how ready you are for a specific career. We will ask you some specific questions about the careers you are interested in and we will tell you what you need to do to get started.
- [Jobs](#) - Search for and apply for jobs to help you on your career journey.

The site also provides a [resume template](#), [training workbooks](#), [career advice](#) and more. Check it out





2023 Young ICT Explorers competition

[Young ICT Explorers](#) is a competition in which school students submit an information and communication technologies (ICT) related project. Students can submit projects individually or in teams of up to four Students. [Students have until 14 July 2023 to register and submit their project report](#) with judging occurring from August through to September. Projects could include a mobile phone application, computer game, website, digital art, robot, short film or animation. Visit the [Young ICT Explorers website](#) for details. Ask a teacher to register your school if you want to participate in this competition.

Are you a keen photographer?

If you are a keen photographer there are many competitions that you can enter. Weekend Notes has a list of free to enter, 2023 photography competitions. [Click here](#) to check them out including eligibility, entry details, prizes, timelines etc.

Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) Short Film Competition

Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) is a short film competition for aspiring filmmakers from Years 11 and 12. There are 9 categories in the competition – Animation, Art Film, Comedy, Documentary, Drama, Experimental, Music Video, Sport Film and International. Entries open on [1 May 2023 and close on 15 September 2023](#). Visit the [BUFTA website](#) for competition and application details and to view the 2022 BUFTA entries. They also have a section "Resources & FAQs" to help you get started.



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Griffith University's Score It: Film scoring competition

Griffith Uni is again hosting a high school film scoring competition in 2023. Students are invited to submit an original score for an animation created by Griffith Film School students. The most promising submission will be performed live by the Conservatorium Symphony Orchestra at Film Harmonic in September 2023. Click [here](#) for more information and entry details. The competition closes on 16 June 2023.

QUT's Scratch that Magazine

QUT's [Scratchthat magazine](#) publishes original work to showcase the burgeoning talents of QUT students. This year, high school students have the opportunity to submit their creative writing works. Each student's submission will receive feedback and advice on their writing provided by the Scratch that team, even if it hasn't been selected to be published. Vibrant written pieces such as short stories, excerpts, memoirs, interviews, poetry, non-fiction work and reviews up to 2,500 words or a maximum of five poems can be submitted. Click [here](#) for more information including guidelines and application forms.

QUT High School Moot Competition 2023

QUT's High School Moot Competition brings together Queensland's Year 11–12 students to compete across two weekends in August, introducing them to legal reasoning and written and oral advocacy. Students will compete in teams of two or three to develop written and oral submissions on a fictional problem. [Register and find out more here](#) and registrations close 2 June 2023.

The Queensland Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide initiative for Queensland state and non-state schools and home-educated students from Prep to Year 9, as well as children (aged up to 5 years) enrolled in an early childhood centre. Registrations are now open and reading closes on 25 August. [Click here](#) for more information.



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Employment, Job & Labour Market Info



11 tips to increase your child's interest in careers

Young people can be unclear about their direction in life. It's often not until their early twenties that they gain a good sense of who they are. There is a wealth of information about possible career choices. People can feel overwhelmed, unable to decide or lose interest in the whole 'careers thing'. Finding out who you are and what you want to do is a process that depends on many factors. Click [here](#) to read about 11 strategies that may assist you and your child including more details about:

1. Stay calm and open-minded
2. Be a positive influence
3. Encourage your child to talk to other adults about their careers
4. Watch movies and television together
5. Talk about the people you know or those you meet in your day-to-day activities
6. Do things together
7. Ask your child what they would choose if they could be or do anything in the whole world
8. Make it easy for your child to participate in work experience programs
9. Encourage your child to participate in activities at school or in the community
10. If your child is ready, encourage them to seek a part-time job
11. Start to build your career profile

5 Essential Soft Skills to Develop in Any Job

Soft skills are needed in every job in every industry. Harvard Business Review has an article outlining the 5 essential soft skills they suggest that everyone should develop to succeed in the work force. Click [here](#) to read more about the following soft skills they recommend developing:

- Effective communication
- Teamwork
- Influencing without authority
- Problem solving
- Leadership
- How to translate these skills on your resume



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ABS Labour Force Data - March 2023

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released its Labour Force Data for March 2023 with headline estimates of employment, unemployment, underemployment, participation and hours worked from the monthly Labour Force Survey.

[Key statistics](#) In trend terms, in March 2023 were:

- unemployment rate remained at 3.5%.
- participation rate increased to 66.8%.
- employment increased to 13,883,100.
- employment to population ratio remained at 64.4%.
- underemployment rate increased to 6.1%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,910 million.

Australian Skills Classification

The Australian Skills Classification helps define the skills that underpin jobs in Australia. The Classification identifies three types of skills for every occupation: specialist tasks, technology tools and core competencies. Similar specialist tasks are grouped together into skills clusters, which are further grouped into skills cluster families. You can explore the data by skills cluster or by occupation. Click [here](#) to find out more including the Downloads tab for resources such as the latest data set and reports providing detailed information on the Classification and the methodology. The Similar Occupations tab features an application of the Classification.

Explore the science of disease and uncover medical mysteries

Medical laboratory scientists study disease, poisons, and conditions that affect humans and animals. They are vitally important players in the health game and their work improves people's lives. Find out what it's really like to study medical laboratory science from a QUT student. [Read Abena's story.](#)

Harvey Norman Graduate Opportunity

The Harvey Norman Graduate Opportunity will challenge, reward and expose you to a team of high-achieving individuals that pride themselves on mentoring and facilitating the success of postgraduates. Do you know someone who has finished University and is ready to get into the workplace? Who loves to be hands on and not sitting at a desk all day? Applications close 30th April and [click here for more information and to apply.](#)

Non-Linear Career Paths Are the Future

It used to be that people would map out their careers in a very linear fashion. For example, let's say you wanted to be a lawyer. You would plan to go to good schools, land a job with a top firm, and in several years, work your way up to partner. But things don't always turn out as planned. Maybe you get your law degree but can't pass the bar exam. Or you join a top firm and get laid off after a year



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or two because of declining profits and rising expenses. You might even become a lawyer only to discover after a few years that it's not your passion. What then? That's where non-linear career paths come into play. Click [here](#) to read the rest of this article written by Caroline Castrillon for Forbes as she discusses:

- People are working longer
- Values and priorities have changed
- Skills are centre stage
- The workplace is rapidly evolving

Resource for Aspiring Journalists

This resource will be of assistance if you are considering a career in journalism. [Australian Newsroom Journalism](#) provides a series of posts free of charge to readers. Posts will continue to be added keeping them relevant to student needs and interests and to reflect industry changes. The resource will help you if you are considering a career in Australia's newsrooms by giving you an insight to the things editors are looking for when they select cadets or trainees.

Terminology - What are sectors, industries, and career fields?

The world of work influences how you think about, choose, develop and change your career. You need to understand the world of work before you choose a career path. Click [here](#) and find out about sectors, industries and career fields. It will help you understand them and make your career research that little bit easier.

Why is labour market information important?

To make good career decisions for the future, you need to have some idea of the employment prospects for the jobs you are interested in. The following resources can be helpful in this process:

- **Labour Market Information Portal (LMIP)** – Content on the [LMIP](#) is divided into three sections:
 - Regions
 - Industries
 - Occupations
- **The Department of Jobs and Small Business website** – The [Skill Shortages](#) webpage on this site identifies the areas of skill shortage nationally and by state/territory. It also provides skill shortage information by occupation.
- **Jobs and Skills Australia** - provides advice on Australia's labour market, including advice on workforce needs and priorities and current, emerging and future skills and training needs and priorities (including apprenticeships)
- **Graduate Careers Australia** – This [website](#) provides a range of graduate-related publications and research on topics such as salary trends and graduate employment opportunities.



Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Bursaries for female students

The National Council of Women of Queensland has launched its [2023 bursary program](#) for female students. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to download the application form. Applications open on 17 April and closes on 5 June 2023.

John Eales Rugby Excellence Scholarship

As a proud supporter of Rugby Australia and the Wallabies, Bond University has joined forces with the former Wallabies Captain, John Eales AM, to present this full-fee sporting scholarship, which provides an opportunity for outstanding rugby union players to be mentored by one of rugby's most prolific leaders. The scholarship offers full tuition remission for any single undergraduate or postgraduate degree. Recipients will also receive a cash bursary and one-on-one mentoring sessions with John Eales for the duration of the scholarship. Applications close on 5 September 2023. Find out more [here](#).

The cost of a VET qualification

The Good Universities Guide reports that in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector, tuition costs depend on a number of things. The main factors that determine the amount you will pay are the fee structure of the VET course you are studying and the type of place you receive. Domestic VET students studying at diploma level or above are eligible for the federal government's VET FEE-HELP scheme, which can be used to help cover part, or all, of the tuition fees for a course. Click [here](#) to read more about the cost of VET including:

- [VET fee structures](#)
- [VET FEE-HELP](#)

First Nations Peoples



Aurora scholarship opportunities

The Aurora Indigenous pathways portal has over 500 scholarship opportunities that are available for First Nations Peoples. [The portal also provides information](#) on how to:

- Browse and filter to find scholarships right for you
- Save and compare potential opportunities
- Understand next steps and how to apply for scholarships
- Applying for scholarships online

First Nations Peoples Admission to Griffith Uni

Griffith University offers admission pathways for applicants who identify as Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Applicants are assessed on formal qualifications, life experiences and other transferable skills. Applicants are encouraged to identify when they apply via QTAC or UAC so they can be considered for Griffith's dedicated pathway options if they are not meeting the standard admission criteria. Once a student, the [GUMURRII Student Support Unit](#) can also provide ongoing assistance from orientation through to graduation.

First Peoples Health Pathway

The First Peoples Health Pathway has approved entry for the following programs: Bachelor of Dental Health Science, Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Midwifery, Bachelor of Physiotherapy, Bachelor of Paramedicine. Applicants apply through QTAC and are then invited to be considered under this pathway. Applicants will be considered based on:

- academic achievement – minimum ATAR or equivalent
- meeting subject prerequisites
- interview

Applicants will be asked to provide additional documentation which includes:

- confirmation of heritage
- personal resume including referees and details of achievement and experience
- a brief statement outlining reasons for wanting to study their chosen program

Find out more by visiting the Griffith Uni's [Gumurii Student Support Unit](#).

QUT entry pathway for First Nations Peoples students

Students who are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent may be eligible for entry through QUT's Centralised Assessment Selection Program (CASP) which takes into account commitment to study, work and community experiences. Financial and study support is also available. Visit their [website](#) for more information and an understanding of the eligibility and application requirements.

Scholarships for First Nations Peoples

- [Bond University scholarships](#), valued up to 50% of tuition fees for any single undergraduate degree (excluding the Medical Program) and are awarded to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who have demonstrated extracurricular involvement, leadership potential, academic achievements and connection to their Indigenous heritage. Applications for 2024 scholarships will open on 2 May 2023 and close on 5 September 2023.
- UQ offer a range of potential scholarships for future undergraduate students. You can access their [Scholarship webpage](#) (scroll down) and use the filters to identify those available for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.
- [Griffith University](#) have a variety of scholarships open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. These range from academic, accommodation and sporting scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- QUT scholarships can help you achieve your best through financial support, work experience and exciting networking opportunities. Find the scholarship that takes your success to the next level some of which could be:
 - [Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships](#)
 - [QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship](#)
 - [Go Further Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship](#)
- [USQ offer scholarships](#) to support you through your tertiary studies.



Gap Year Program News



Gap 'half-year' sets up successful study journey - A QUT students experience

Think you need a gap year after Year 12? For QUT double degree student Coby Lee, a 'gap half-year' proved long enough to recharge her batteries after the exhaustive Year 12 study and lockdowns she experienced in 2020. Coby started at QUT in mid-2021 and said [mid-year entry](#) enabled her to spend six months working to save the funds she needed to move to Brisbane from Cooroy on the Sunshine Coast. Thinking about a Gap Year, read Coby's story for a new view of what a Gap Year can look like.



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Study & Play USA opportunities

Are you competitive in rowing, rugby, golf, tennis, cross country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, water polo, track and field, swimming, baseball, softball and want to study in USA? Study & Play USA can provide information on:

- Academic assessment
- The process
- Personalised advice & planning
- Scholarships
- Frequently asked questions

Click [here](#) to do a free assessment, book a meeting or for more information.



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Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



2023 Aviation Expo

The Aviation Australia Expo in Brisbane showcases the burgeoning aerospace industry, with a significant focus on aviation skills development, careers and employment opportunities. The Aircraft Experience Zone will once again be a major attraction, featuring a range of iconic aircraft that visitors will have the unique opportunity to experience up close. The Aviation Expo also features dozens of exhibitors from the aviation, defence and education industries who will inspire and educate visitors about how to launch into a career in aviation. It will be held on 3 June from 10am to 4pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

2023 Townsville Careers Expo

Visit the [2023 Townsville Careers Expo](#) to talk with exhibitors and find out what post school options are open to you. It is designed to assist high school students and their parents, mature age and post graduate students, looking for career pathway options. The Expo offers a wealth of information for visitors including:

- Access the latest careers, course study and employment options.
- Advice on enrolment procedures
- Talk to local and national employers
- Opportunity to talk to admissions staff
- Meet with interstate and overseas exhibitors
- Info on bursaries, scholarship and application procedures
- Compare courses from different providers
- Student services, GAP and exchange programs

2023 regional careers markets

Many of the 2023 open days and career expos dates are now being announced. The following is a list of regional events, with links to the relevant website. It is wise to attend a career expo near you as



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you can find very valuable information and contacts when talking with the exhibitors. Don't be shy in approaching the exhibitors as they are there to provide assistance.

Date	Event
10 May	Warwick Career Market
11 May	Maranoa Careers Expo Roma
17 May	Biloela Careers Expo (Biloela Civic Centre)
16 May	Gladstone Careers Expo
18 May	Rockhampton Careers Expo
19 May	Emerald Career Expo
24 May	Bundaberg Careers Expo
25 May	Fraser Coast Careers Expo (9.30am - 2.30pm, Harvey Bay TAFE campus)
1 to 3 June	Gold Coast Careers Festival
18 July	Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo IGNITE Logan Career Market
19 May	Chinchilla Career Market (9am-2pm, Chinchilla Showgrounds) Stanthorpe Career Market (location TBC)
20 July	Kingaroy Career Market
21 July	Dalby Career Market (9am – 2pm, Dalby PCYC)
31 July	Townsville Careers Expo
2 August	Bowen Careers Expo (location TBC)
3 August	Mackay Career Expo
24 August	Cairns Youth and Careers Expo



Private Provider Updates



Accredited Courses at Perform Australia

If you're looking to become a professional actor Perform Australia's qualification in acting may be of interest. Located in St Lucia, Brisbane you can prepare yourself for industry in as little as five-months full-time study in the 10915NAT Certificate IV in Acting. The 11017NAT Advanced Diploma of Performance with a further 18 months full-time actor training will further develop your skills. They also have a pathway to a university degree in acting at the Australian Performing Arts Conservatory (APAC) if you so desire. They offer a dual focus both screen and stage acting, to ensure you are ready to work across the theatre, film and television industries with confidence. Click [here](#) for more information.

Basair Aviation College

[Basair Aviation College](#) offers Year 10, 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study the following courses:

- [Certificate III in Aviation - AVI30419 \(Remote Pilot - Visual Line of Sight\)](#)
- [Diploma of Aviation - AVI50219 \(Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane\)](#)
- [Diploma of Aviation - AVI50519 \(Instrument Rating\) - CRICOS Approved](#)
- [Diploma of Aviation - AVI50419 \(Flight Instructor\)](#)
- [Diploma of Aviation - Combined Package Diploma of Aviation - AVI50219 \(Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane\) and Diploma of Aviation - AVI50519 \(Instrument Rating\)](#)

SAE QANTM

If you are considering studying creative media (Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, or Web & Mobile) [check out SAE's](#) courses and speak to their experienced team and learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry. [Book a campus tour](#) and check out their facilities and equipment, meet with lecturers and ask any questions you might have about studying at SAE.



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QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Additional entry requirement for teaching courses

If you are nominating Teaching as one of your QTAC preferences, you must meet [academic and non-academic entry requirements](#). Academic entry requirements include subject prerequisites and an ATAR minimum selection threshold. You can find academic entry requirements for each course in [Course Search](#) (update your information once QTAC has updated their 2024 course information). If you do not submit the additional entry requirements, you won't be considered for a place in teaching at any institution. Contact the relevant institution for more information on what qualifications and prerequisites are accepted for entry to initial teacher education courses. Do your preparation early so you are not rushed during the more stressful time later in the year.

Adjustment Factors – How can they assist me?

Adjustment Factors help you enter university courses. If you are eligible for Adjustment Factors your position on the merit scale for entry into a course will be 'adjusted' to give you a new, more competitive score.

Universities award Adjustment Factors for a variety of reasons and programs so you will have to enquire to every university you are interested in attending, to fully understand their eligibility requirements. The process for applying for 'Adjustment Factors' may vary so it's important that you start your research now.

Visit the [QTAC website](#) for information on the following Assistance schemes:

- Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
- Financial assistance
- Special admissions schemes
- Year 12 subject scheme
- Access and equity schemes
- Rural Access scheme
- Regional preference schemes
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander schemes



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- Elite Athlete and Performer Schemes

Queensland ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)

QTAC have an ATAR FAQs section on their website where they answer the most common questions that students and parents have. Click [here](#) to check them out.

Sign-up to receive QTAC news

Keep up to date with changes at QTAC to ensure you make well researched decisions based on current information. [Click here](#) if you want to receive QTAC news updates.

Year 12: Time is passing quickly - time to start organising

Time is moving quickly, and you will need to be seriously researching your course preferences for your QTAC application. You need to begin serious planning for 2024 if you haven't already started. If you haven't a clue where to start or aren't aware of your options, make an appointment with your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor ASAP. Some opportunities to assist you are:

- From May to September most of the institutions have open days where you can get information about courses and check out the campuses.
- You will receive the *QTAC Guide* in June/July. It contains information about courses you can apply for through QTAC and application processes.
- 15 - 16 July 2023 - [Tertiary Studies Expo](#) (TSXPO) at the RNA showgrounds. Interstate universities will be represented at this expo.
- From August 2023, you can access a range of up-to-date information about the 2023/24 QTAC application and offer processes and the courses offered from the [QTAC website](#).
- 26 & 27 May 2023 - [Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo](#) at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Also, careers' expos will be held in regional centres throughout Queensland (see previous bulletin or the Options calendar for dates).

Take advantage of all these opportunities to plan your immediate future. 30 September 2023 is the final date to apply for some courses through QTAC so, when you get your 2024 QTAC book check it carefully for critical dates.

Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority



Certificates and qualifications

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) is the body that awards successful students with their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or the Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA). To find out more about these qualifications visit the [QCAA website](#) where you will find information on the QCE including:

- About the QCE
- QCE eligibility and requirements
- ACE Achievement Awards
- Recognised studies
- Learning accounts
- Transfer students and the QCE
- QCE resources



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Study Skills & Wellbeing



10 proven tips to study smarter, not harder

Whether you're studying for your senior secondary subjects or Bachelor degree, the Southern Cross University's following tips will help you get the most out of your study time. They say that it's not necessarily about working harder but how to study smarter. [Click here](#) to read more about their ten tips:

1. Study in short chunks
2. Get in the zone
3. Sleep well and exercise
4. Write flash cards
5. Connect the dots
6. Set goals
7. Test yourself
8. Aim to teach it
9. Read aloud and recall
10. Lose the screen

8 Things Taken for Granted in Year 12

Year 12 is a crazy time in every student's life. From the stress of exams, the mix of impatience and anxiety to graduate, and the bubbling social scene of 18ths, formals, and grad ceremonies, it really is one big whirlwind that can pick you up and spit you out wondering what on earth just happened. There are times when you'll want to run away and start a new life overseas and times when you'll want to curl up in a ball and cry. But there are also once-in-a-lifetime experiences and opportunities that you'd be crazy to want to miss. Here are eight of them. Click [here](#) to read what the year 13 article has to say about:

- Freedom within responsibility
- Seeing your friends every day
- Having teachers who genuinely care
- Sneaky celebrations
- Productivity

- Formal celebrations
- The end of an exam block
- Schoolies

Good Vibes Experiment Activity Book

[The Good Vibes Experiment](#) is a campaign led by students at Flinders University. The campaign encourages everyone to add wellbeing-focused activities to their everyday lives. It isn't about pretending to be happy. It's about developing the knowledge and skills to improve, sustain, repair or strengthen your mental health. It is based on a core set of 20 wellbeing tactics you can try out. The activity book, which you can [download here](#), provides basic information on some of the science of improving your mental health and a personal reflective activity (like a journal) which you can use to consider your current mental health. Always remember that if you are struggling with your mental health seek out support through your Guidance Officer, School Counsellor, Family Doctor and/or talk with someone at home.

Learn to Prioritise and Focus

Learn to prioritise and focus on what's important, not what's most urgent. Grandshake offers a free, 40-minute microprogram that will teach you how to prioritise and focus on what's important, not what's most urgent so you can be effective and efficient at work and in life. During the course you will look at problem solving, planning and organisation, personal management and self-awareness. You never know what you might learn or skills you might find valuable. Click [here](#) for more information.

Study Skills Checklist

We all learn differently and we each have our own style of studying and no two people are exactly the same. To get the most out of your studying, it's important to better understand what works for you and what doesn't. To get started, Education Corner recommends [printing out their study skills checklist](#), read each statement and decide if it applies to you. If it does, tick Y. If it doesn't, tick N. The purpose of this checklist is to provide you a basic self assessment of your study habits and attitudes, so you can identify study skills areas where you might want to focus on improving. It may give you some light bulb moments and could be the beginning of better study habits.



TAFE Queensland Updates



Fee Free TAFE

The Australian and Queensland Governments are taking action to deliver approximately 37,000 Fee Free TAFE and vocational education and training places for Queenslanders in 2023. The Fee Free TAFE program, with an expanded list of qualifications and eligibility criteria, replaced the Free TAFE for under 25s program from 1 January 2023. From 1 January – 31 December 2023, eligible Queenslanders will be able to undertake Fee Free TAFE at TAFE Queensland and CQUniversity only. Although still at school, especially Year 12 students, you should look into this opportunity as it could also be available in 2024. You may even know someone who might be interested. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Eligibility
- What training is available
- What's free

What TAFE can offer you

Not sure which pathway to travel down when you leave school? Have you checked out these helpful TAFE Queensland resources?

- Explore our [study areas](#)
- Where you [can study](#)
- [Course types](#)

[Getting started](#)



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Universities



2024 Undergraduate Study Guides now available

It is good to start your research early when considering studying at Uni or TAFE. The following are links to each university's 2024 undergraduate guide. In the guides you can find information about:

- undergraduate courses on offer in 2024
- Minimum thresholds and prerequisites required for each degree
- Accommodation options
- Student support
- much more

[Australian Catholic University](#)

[Central Queensland University](#)

[Griffith University](#)

[James Cook University](#)

[Queensland University of Technology](#)

[The University of Queensland](#)

[University of Southern Queensland](#)

[University of Sunshine Coast](#)

[Southern Cross University](#)

[TAFE Queensland](#)

[Torrens University](#)



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International students wanting to study at a university

If you are needing to gain the prerequisite of English and/or may not achieve a pass in a senior English subject at the end of 2023, you could sit and gain an appropriate grade in one of the following tests:

[IELTS](#) – International English Language Testing System

[TOEFL](#) – Test of English as a Foreign Language

[Pearson](#) – Pearson Test of English

Some specific health related courses may require students from a non English speaking background to pass one of the above tests in order to gain professional registration. Each university has its own English proficiency requirements so check with each institution's policies as to what qualification they will accept.

Not sure what the terms mean?

ACU have put together some information about terms you will see when you are researching and applying for tertiary entry in 2024. The definitions are appropriate in the majority of cases across all universities. [Click here](#) to find commonly used terms and their definitions some of which are:

- Undergraduate - When you start uni, you are an undergraduate student working towards your bachelor or associate degree.
- Unit or course - A subject within a program or course. Each subject or unit has a specified number of credit points that count towards a degree.
- Selection rank - This is a ranking used to assess your admission to a course. Your course selection rank can include your ATAR, any adjustment factors you might be eligible for and any other contributions such as, VET qualifications or STAT results.

Uni essentials: Tax File Number and Unique Student Identifier

Year 12 students planning to go to university should apply early for a [Tax File Number \(TFN\)](#) and a [Unique Student Identifier \(USI\)](#). To be eligible for HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP (Commonwealth assistance), students must provide a TFN and a USI on their Commonwealth Assistance Form once they become a student. All universities and TAFE Queensland require you to have a TFN and USI and you can read more about [QUT fees and HECS-HELP](#) or visit the government [StudyAssist website](#).

Australian Catholic University

ACU Guarantee

This early entry program considers Year 11 results and can include optional statements to qualify for up to 10 additional adjustment factors. Check the website for any prerequisite or other requirements. Applications open 24 July and close on 18 September. Click [here](#) to find out about"



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- How to apply
- Application FAQs
- Offer FAQs

Uni Step-Up

Uni Step Up is your chance to experience university life by studying two first year units while you are still in senior secondary school. You'll get a head start on university, develop connections with current university students and staff and study at a university level. Uni Step up is delivered in two formats, an on-campus program is delivered during the Winter and Summer school holidays and an online program for regional students. You can study in the Nursing Midwifery and Paramedicine, Sport and Exercise Science and Business areas. Click [here](#) to find out more information including:

- What you can study
- Benefits of uni step up
- Eligibility
- More Information
- How to apply (applications close on 8 June 2023)

Griffith University

2023 Griffith Business School Responsible Leaders of the Future Conference

Griffith University's Responsible Leaders Challenge empowers budding marketers and entrepreneurs in Year 10 and Year 11 to unleash their creativity and business acumen. Working in teams of up to four, challenge participants will devise compelling solutions for contemporary business problems. Interested? Click [here](#) for more competition details including:

- The Challenge
- 4 Ingredients trailer
- 2023 key dates
- How to enter
- Your submission
- Prizes

Design and visual arts portfolio workshops at the Queensland College of Art

Griffith Uni is hosting a workshop tailored to students in Year 10, 11 and 12 who are considering future tertiary study at the Queensland College of Art. You will work in a supportive, inclusive and encouraging environment to build your creative portfolio. The workshop will be held at the South Bank campus between 26 and 27 June and on the Gold Coast between 29 and 30 June. Click [here](#) to find out more information and to register.



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Pathways to Medicine FAQs

Thinking about Medicine as a career? Griffith Uni has put together the Pathways to Medicine Frequently Asked Questions handout where you can find answers to General/Admissions questions for the Bachelor of Medical Science. Click [here](#) and find answers to your questions.

Winton film camp

Griffith University invite secondary school students in Years 11 and 12 who are looking to pursue a career in screen and media production to apply to attend Swaggies Film Camp in Queensland's Winton from 30 June –6 July. The immersive production camp provides opportunities to shoot and edit in small crews, with instruction from Griffith Film School experts. There is a cost of \$680 (to be paid upon successful selection). Applications close on 15 May and you can [click here for more information](#) and to register.

Queensland University of Technology

Choosing Senior Subjects and Careers event

Registrations are now open for QUT's Choosing Senior Subjects and Careers event on Wednesday 3 May. The event will help students make informed decisions about their future study and career options at QUT. You will hear from QUT staff and current university students about the exciting study and career opportunities in Architecture and Built Environment, Business, Creative Industries, Communication, Data Science, Design, Education, Engineering, Health, IT and Games, Law, Maths, Science and Social Justice. Each session will introduce:

- degree options including double degree programs
- pathways to exciting careers
- opportunities for exchanges, work experience, scholarships
- career planning tips and jobs of the future
- guidance about choosing subjects and preparing for Uni

[Find out more and register here.](#)

International high school students new webpage

QUT has developed a new [webpage](#) with tailored information for international high school students studying in Australia. Onshore international students need to apply to QUT via QTAC and have a different application process to students who complete their studies overseas. [Read more here.](#)

Join our free STEM + X webinar

Maths and data careers involve more than just spreadsheets. QUT are hosting a free webinar on Wednesday 24 May 2023, where Years 7-12 can find out how to combine a maths degree with their



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passions by using Careers with STEM's winning formula – STEM + X (where STEM = science, technology, engineering and maths, and X is up to them). Meet a data scientist who works at a big bank, an AI researcher that's using machine learning to combat modern slavery and a maths professor passionate about conservation. [Register online](#)

New architecture and built environment curriculum for 2024

QUT are introducing a new architecture and built environment curriculum and the following courses are available for study in 2024:

Architecture

- [Bachelor of Architectural Design](#)—previously Bachelor of Design (Architecture)

Built environment

- [Bachelor of Built Environment \(Honours\)](#)—previously Bachelor of Urban Development (Honours)
- [Bachelor of Built Environment \(Construction Management and Quantity Surveying\) \(Honours\)](#)—this major combines two previously separate majors under the Bachelor of Urban Development
- [Bachelor of Built Environment \(Urban and Regional Planning\) \(Honours\)](#)—previously Bachelor of Urban Development (Urban and Regional Planning) (Honours)
- [Bachelor of Built Environment \(Interior Design\) \(Honours\)](#)—previously Bachelor of Design (Interior Architecture)
- [Bachelor of Built Environment \(Landscape Architecture\) \(Honours\)](#)—previously Bachelor of Design (Landscape Architecture)

QUT Future You Summit

Applications for the QUT Future You Summit, 25 - 28 September, are now open and close on Monday 22 May. The Summit includes all disciplines at QUT and will feature degree-based and hands-on learning experiences from across the university. Year 11 and 12 students from schools across Queensland and Northern NSW who have received a minimum of two HA's in *any* of their subjects in the last twelve months are eligible to apply. The selection panel will choose applicants from a range of schools, backgrounds and interest areas. QUT Widening Participation is kindly funding boarding accommodation at Somerville House for successful regional and rural student applicants. Click [here](#) to find out more and to apply.

Students in regional or rural areas

There are several ways you can access information about QUT, even if you live in a rural or regional area. You can search for [course information](#) and access [QUT publications](#) and QUT staff and students will be available to talk at [career markets](#) throughout Queensland and northern New South Wales. There is also a dedicated web page with everything you need to know about [moving to Brisbane for university](#).



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Want a career that combines food with helping people?

If you're someone who loves food and science and wants to help people live healthier lives, you might be interested in becoming a dietitian. You could work in hospitals, advise athletes, or run your own clinic like Savita Sandhu. Read more about Savita's experiences of [what it's like to work as a dietitian](#).

The University of Queensland

FEAST applications now open

Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST) is a four-day residential program at UQ Gatton designed to inspire high school students about the rewarding science careers in the agriculture, animal and plant industries. For more information visit the [website](#) and click [here](#) to apply.

Provisional entry into Medicine update

If you're in your final year of high school (Queensland Year 12 or equivalent), you can apply for the Provisional Entry pathway. The minimum entry requirements for this pathway are:

- Queensland Year 12 English or [equivalent](#)
- an adjusted ATAR 95.00 or equivalent or higher
- a competitive [University Clinical Aptitude Test for Australia and New Zealand \(UCAT ANZ\)](#) aggregate score from the year you apply
- a [multiple mini interview \(MMI\)](#).

You'll need to sit the UCAT ANZ before you apply. The minimum required UCAT ANZ aggregate score depends on the performance of applicants and available places in the MD program. For the 2022 intake, the aggregate score for a Commonwealth Supported Place was 2610. This score varies each year and can't be determined in advance. UCAT has a significant impact on whether you gain a place in the provisional entry program, so you need to study, practice and ask for assistance when necessary.

After you apply, if you're eligible for the next stage, you'll be invited to a MMI. Meeting the minimum entry requirements does not guarantee admission.

Queensland Biology Winter School for Year 11 students

Live and breathe biology at the Queensland Biology Winter School. This multi-day event to be held on 3 and 4 July will give Year 11 students studying QCE or IB Biology the opportunity to gain scientific skills by taking a deep dive into contemporary topics in genetics and evolution. Applications are now open and close on 30 May. Click [here](#) to find out more information about the program, application process and cost.



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UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship information webinar

Professor Alastair Blanshard, Director of UQ's Centre for Western Civilisation will present an information session where you can hear how Year 12 students can apply for one of 30 [UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarships](#). The scholarships are among the most generous in Australia, valued at \$32,000 per year. They are available to high achieving students who undertake an extended major in Western Civilisation in 2024 in the: Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Western Civilisation) (Honours) or Bachelor of Humanities/Bachelor of Laws (Honours). The webinar will be held on Friday 2 June from 12 - 12.45pm. Click [here](#) to express your interest.

What can I do with a degree in...?

Don't know what degree to study after high school? University of Queensland (UQ) have put together a list of careers you can pursue with specific degrees at UQ. They have also spoken with their recent graduates to find out what they're doing now, what they love most about their jobs and what, exactly, their roles involve on a daily basis. Click [here](#) to read the article in full including how to choose a Uni degree based on career options.

University of the Sunshine Coast

Most popular programs chosen by Year 12s at the end of 2022

1. [Nursing Science](#)
2. [Occupational Therapy \(Honours\)](#)
3. [Paramedicine](#)
4. [Clinical Exercise Physiology](#)
5. [Primary Education](#)
6. [Business](#)
7. [Behavioural Science/Criminal Justice](#)
8. [Medical Science](#) (Provisional Entry MD)
9. [Education/Recreation & Outdoor Environment studies](#)
10. [Sport & Exercise Science](#)

The above list gives you an idea of the courses that UniSC offer and which are most popular. Now is a good time to increase your research into the pathway and course options that are open to you next year.



Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
02/05/2023	ADF Cairns: Defence Careers Information Session
02/05/2023	ADF Ipswich: Trade Careers Information Session
02/05/2023	ADF Rockhampton: A Night in the Army Reserves
02/05/2023	ADF Townsville: Indigenous Pathways Information Session
03/05/2023	ADF Loganholme: Defence Careers Information Session
03/05/2023	Mackay - JCU Science and Engineering Challenge
03/05/2023	QUT'S Choosing senior subjects and careers event
04/05/2023	SAE Info Night
05/05/2023	Rockhampton - JCU Science and Engineering Challenge
05/05/2023	What Matters writing competition entries close
06/05/2023	ADF Brisbane: Army Reserve Immersion Day
09/05/2023	ADF Southport: A Night in the Army Reserve
09/05/2023	ADF Toowoomba: A Night in the Army Reserve
10/05/2023	ADF Bribie Island: Defence Careers Information Session
10/05/2023	UCAT ANZ concession application booking closes
11/05/2023	ADF Brisbane: Army Careers Information Session
12/05/2023	ADF Townsville: Defence Careers Information Session
12/05/2023	UQs Junior Physics Odyssey program applications close
14/05/2023	Sunshine Coast Art Prize 2023 entries close
14/05/2023	Sunshine Coast Art Prize Applications close



14/05/2023	Vermilion High competition
15/05/2023	ADF Stanthorpe: Defence Careers Information Session
15/05/2023	ANU 2024 applications close
15/05/2023	Australian National University direct entry applications now open
15/05/2023	Bond mooting competition commences
15/05/2023	Griffith Uni's Swaggies Film Camp applications close
15/05/2023	National Volunteer Week starts
16/05/2023	ADF Brisbane: Comms, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session
16/05/2023	ADF Goondiwindi: Defence Careers Information Session
17/05/2023	UCAT ANZ Access arrangements applications close
17/05/2023	UCAT ANZ booking closes
17/05/2023	UCAT ANZ Bookings close
19/05/2023	Bond Mooting competition concludes
20/05/2023	QUT Blue Shift competition final event
21/05/2023	Creative Arts Open Day
21/05/2023	World Science Festival Queensland Toowoomba
22/05/2023	QUT Future You Summit applications close
22/05/2023	World Science Festival Queensland Student Day Toowoomba
23/05/2023	Entry and pathways for Year 12 student's webinar
23/05/2023	Help me get started for my Year 12 biology IA3 webinar
24/05/2023	QUT's Join our free STEM + X webinar
26/05/2023 to 27/05/2023	Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo
31/05/2023	Queensland Biology Winter School for Year 11 students' applications close
31/05/2023	UCAT ANZ late registration closes
31/05/2023	UQ Career Pulse Day
02/06/2023	QUT High School moot competition applications close
02/06/2023	UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship information webinar
02/06/2023	World Science Festival Queensland School Program Chinchilla
03/06/2023	2023 Aviation Expo
03/06/2023	UCAT ANZ cancellation option closes



03/06/2023	World Science Festival Chinchilla
05/06/2023	Bursaries for female students' applications close
05/06/2023	Final late bookings close
08/06/2023	ACU Uni Step - Up applications close
10/06/2023	UCAT ANZ Cancellation closes
12/06/2023	UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarships applications open
16/06/2023	Griffith University's Score It: Film scoring competition entries close
16/06/2023	Opti Minds Challenge applications close
23/06/2023	Hermitage Schools Plant Science Competition entries close
23/06/2023	The World Science Festival Queensland Schools Program Townsville
24/06/2023	The World Science Festival Queensland Townsville
24/06/2023 to 09/07/2023	World Science Festival Queensland School Holiday Program Toowoomba
26/06/2023 to 27/06/2023	Design and Visual Arts portfolio workshop at Griffith Uni South Bank campus - two-day workshops
26/06/2023	GU GUESTS applications for Trimester 2 close
29/06/2023 to 30/06/2023	Design and Visual Arts portfolio workshops at the Queensland College of Art Gold Coast campus
30/06/2023	The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards Competition closes

